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"AN ACT CONCERNING COVERAGE OF TELEMEDICINE SERVICES UNDER MEDICAID."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2013*) (a) (1) As used in this
4 section, "telemedicine" means the use of interactive audio, interactive
5 video or interactive data communication in the delivery of medical
6 advice, diagnosis, care or treatment, and includes the types of services
7 described in subsection (d) of section 20-9 of the general statutes and
8 42 CFR 410.78(a)(3). "Telemedicine" does not include the use of
9 facsimile or audio-only telephone.

10 (2) "Clinically appropriate" means care that is (A) provided in a
11 timely manner and meets professionally recognized standards of
12 acceptable medical care; (B) delivered in the appropriate medical
13 setting; and (C) the least costly of multiple, equally-effective
14 alternative treatments or diagnostic modalities.

15 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services may establish a
16 demonstration project to offer telemedicine as a Medicaid-covered
17 service at federally-qualified community health centers. Under the
18 demonstration project, in-person contact between a health care
19 provider and a patient shall not be required for health care services
20 delivered by telemedicine that otherwise would be eligible for
21 reimbursement under the state Medicaid plan program, to the extent
22 permitted by federal law and where deemed clinically appropriate.

23 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services may establish rates for cost
24 reimbursement for telemedicine services provided to Medicaid
25 recipients under the demonstration project. The commissioner shall
26 consider, to the extent applicable, reductions in travel costs by health
27 care providers and patients to deliver or to access health care services
28 and such other factors as the Commissioner of Social Services deems
29 relevant.

30 (d) The Commissioner of Social Services may apply, if necessary, to
31 the federal government for an amendment to the state Medicaid plan
32 to establish the demonstration project.

33 (e) The transmission, storage and dissemination of data and records
34 related to telemedicine services provided under the demonstration
35 project shall be in accordance with federal and state law and
36 regulations concerning the privacy, security, confidentiality and
37 safeguarding of individually identifiable information.

38 (f) The commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with
39 section 11-4a of the general statutes, on any demonstration project
40 established pursuant to this section to the joint standing committees of
41 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
42 appropriations and human services. The report shall concern the
43 services offered and the cost-effectiveness of the program."

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	<i>January 1, 2013</i>	New section
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